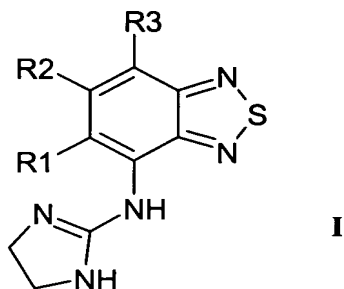


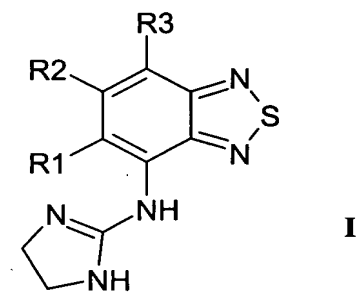
Amendments to the claims:

1. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination a benzothiadiazole derivative of formula I



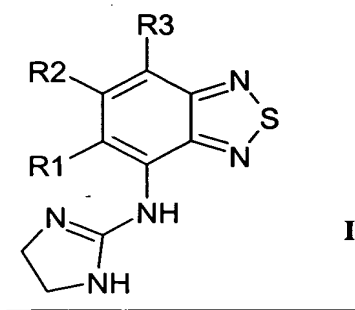
wherein each R1, R2 and R3 independently, is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₇ alkyl, C₁-C₇ alkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxy or C₁-C₇ alkylthio;
and a COX-2 inhibitor for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

2. (canceled)
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4. (currently amended) A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a benzothiadiazole derivative of formula I ~~as defined above,~~



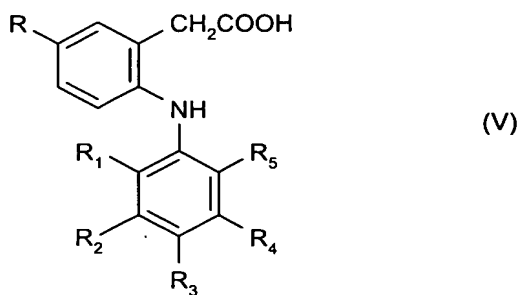
wherein each R1, R2 and R3 independently, is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₇ alkyl, C₁-C₇ alkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxy or C₁-C₇ alkylthio,
and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor.

5. (currently amended) A package comprising a benzothiadiazole derivative of formula I as defined in claim 1,



wherein each R1, R2 and R3 independently, is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₇ alkyl, C₁-C₇ alkoxy, nitro, cyano, hydroxy or C₁-C₇ alkylthio, for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said benzothiadiazole derivative of formula I is used ~~together with instructions for use~~ in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said COX-2 inhibitor is used ~~together with instructions for use~~ in combination with a benzothiadiazole derivative of formula I as defined above in claim 1, ~~for treatment of pain.~~

6. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rofecoxib, etoricoxib, celecoxib, valdecoxib, parecoxib, ~~or~~ and a 5-alkyl-2-arylaminophenylacetic acid derivative COX-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof.
7. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~[[7]]~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is a compound of formula V



wherein R is methyl or ethyl;

R₁ is chloro or fluoro;

R₂ is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R₄ is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R₅ is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

8. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 7 in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
9. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the benzothiadiazole derivative is 5-chloro-4-(2-imidazol-2-ylamino)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole.